Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of~~ comprising making a current collector for a fuel cell comprising ~~the steps of~~ forming said current collector at least in part from a composite material having a first conductivity and comprising corrosion-proof, electrically-conductive filler dispersed throughout an oxidation-resistant and acid-resistant, polymeric matrix over a substrate comprising a metal, and adhering a sufficient quantity of electrically conductive particles to a surface of said composite material to provide said surface with a conductivity greater than said first conductivity.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 19 ~~including the step of~~ wherein the forming comprises molding said current collector from said composite material.

21. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 19 including ~~the step of~~ forming said current collector from a metal substrate having a coating of said composite material thereon.

22. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of~~ comprising making a current collector for a fuel cell comprising ~~the steps of~~ coating an electrically conductive substrate with a tacky layer of

uncured or undried material comprising a corrosion-proof, electrically-conductive filler dispersed throughout an oxidation-resistant and acid-resistant polymer, embedding a plurality of electrically-conductive particles in a surface of said layer so as to increase the conductivity of said surface over the conductivity of the remainder of said material, and curing or drying said layer.

23. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 22 wherein the embedding comprising spraying said particles onto said surface at a pressure greater than 40 psi.

24. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 22 ~~wherein~~ further comprising molding said electrically conductive substrate ~~is molded~~ from a composite material comprising corrosion-proof, electrically–conductive filler dispersed throughout an oxidation-resistant and acid-resistant, water-insoluble polymer.

25. (Original) A method according to claim 22 wherein said substrate comprises a metal.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of making a current collector for a fuel cell comprising ~~the steps of~~ molding said current collector from a composite material having a first conductivity and comprising corrosion-proof, electrically-conductive filler dispersed throughout an oxidation-resistant and acid-resistant polymeric matrix and embedding a sufficient quantity of corrosion-proof electrically-conductive particles in a surface of said composite to provide said surface with a conductivity greater ~~that~~ than said first conductivity.

27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 ~~including the step of~~ further comprising softening said surface before embedding said particles in said surface.

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 ~~including the step of~~ further comprising heating said polymeric matrix material to soften said surface.

29. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 ~~including the step of~~ further comprising wetting said surface with a solvent for said polymeric matrix material to soften said surface.

30. (Currently Amended) A method of making a current collector for a fuel cell comprising ~~the steps of (1)~~ forming said current collector at least in part from a composite material having a first conductivity and comprising corrosion-proof, electrically-conductive filler dispersed throughout an oxidation-resistant and acid-resistant polymer matrix, and ~~(2)~~ abrading a surface of said current collector sufficiently to remove said matrix polymer from said filler at said surface and to smear said filler over said surface so as to increase the conductivity of said surface to a conductivity greater than said first conductivity.

31. (New) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the particles comprise at least one of gold, platinum, palladium, rhodium, ruthenium, or rare earth metals.

32. (New) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the particles comprise conductive carbon.

33. (New) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the particles are present in a higher concentration at the surface than the remainder of the composite.

34. (New) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the embedding comprises spraying said particles onto the surface of the layer at a pressure greater than 40 psi.

35. (New) A method as set forth in claim 22 further comprising placing a diffusion media adjacent the collector so that the contact resistance between the diffusion media and collector is reduced by the increased conductivity of the surface.

36. (New) A method as set forth in claim 35 further comprising placing a membrane electrode assembly adjacent the diffusion media.